

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



***Planting Corn/Sorghum/Rice and Fertilizing Pastures**

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RELEASED: April 3, 2000 3:00 p.m.— Temperatures were normal for the week with storms over the weekend bringing some areas above normal rainfall according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Recent rains helped forage production and filled ponds and lakes. 4.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 17 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 22 percent surplus.

CROPS: Planting corn, rice and sorghum were reported by several counties. Alfalfa weevils have been sprayed in some fields. Hail damage was reported in some wheat fields in Crawford County. Fertilizer application continued to wheat crop. Row crops ground preparations continued with pre-planting and herbicide and fertilizer application underway. Tomatoes and green beans were being planted.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers were working cattle. Cattle were in good condition with a few bulls being turned out with the cows. Lice were noted to be a problem in some counties.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Planted	4	2	3					
RICE								
Planted	1	0	2					
CORN								
Planted	36	NA	NA					
WHEAT				0	1	18	56	25
Headed	6	1	3					
OTH. HAY				4	8	42	42	4
PASTURE				1	8	39	43	9

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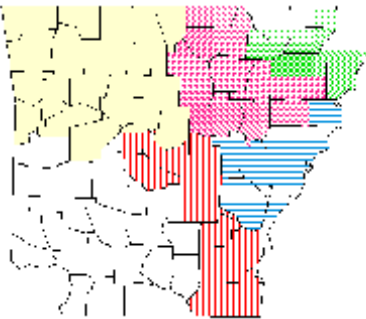
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES



WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:
APRIL 2, 2000. There was generally no frost for the week. Southeast Arkansas reported large rainfall totals over the weekend. The high of 89° was reported at El Dorado and the low of 32° was reported at Fayetteville. Precipitation ranged from 0.17 inch at Batesville to 6.94 inches at Eudora.

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 2000

District and Station	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	High	Low	Departure From Normal	Week Ending Apr 2	Current MAR Accum.	MAR Normal	JAN-FEB	
							2000	Normal
1 Fayetteville	67	32	-3	0.73	3.17	3.46	3.31	4.23
Harrison	67	39	-1	0.68	2.40	3.98	5.02	4.75
2 Calico Rock	71	36	-3	0.71	2.28	4.31	5.80	5.41
Evening Shade				na	0.00	4.86	0.00	6.13
Gilbert	71	35	-2	0.25	1.70	3.94	4.79	4.92
Greers Ferry	74	43	2	0.87	2.72	5.21	6.88	7.00
Mountain Home	68	38	-2	0.97	2.73	4.09	5.63	5.21
3 Batesville	72	42	-1	0.17	2.32	4.80	6.55	6.56
Black Rock				na	0.00	4.86	0.00	7.56
Georgetown				na	0.00	5.31	0.00	8.56
Jonesboro	74	43	0	0.43	3.42	5.16	4.39	7.81
Keiser	77	41	2	0.39	4.22	5.36	5.23	8.37
Newport	74	43	0	0.53	4.33	5.16	5.46	7.39
4 Booneville	76	44	na	1.15	2.86	na	2.73	na
Clarksville	71	47	1	0.48	2.20	4.78	3.53	5.56
Dardanelle	73	44	1	0.63	2.92	5.20	4.80	5.92
Ft. Smith	73	41	1	1.00	3.01	3.95	2.71	4.50
Mena	80	39	-2	0.78	3.68	5.29	5.81	6.52
Ozark	73	37	-2	0.69	3.74	4.36	4.02	5.18
5 Hot Springs	83	45	3	1.34	5.45	5.25	4.14	7.89
N Little Rock	74	45	2	1.70	4.81	4.97	3.48	6.74
6 Augusta				na	0.00	5.12	0.00	7.35
Marianna	74	45	1	1.37	4.71	5.36	7.04	8.45
Stuttgart	79	52	8	2.01	5.70	5.09	3.42	8.09
7 Hope	82	41	0	2.41	6.05	4.63	2.73	7.62
8 Camden	83	43	1	2.66	7.24	4.90	4.86	8.31
El Dorado	89	44	4	3.43	7.68	4.83	4.48	8.76
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	5.45	0.00	9.93
Eudora	83	48	1	6.94	13.53	5.81	5.02	10.07
Pine Bluff	73	46	-1	1.44	4.96	5.09	3.35	8.72
Rohwer	76	45	2	5.16	9.77	5.58	6.63	9.45

na= data not available`

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